IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Zarni Maung

In re Application of: John H. Yoakum et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO 1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO 1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- 3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

In addition to the reference cited in the attached PTO Form 1449, the Applicants attach herewith as Appendix A a copy of an Office Action having a mailing date of November 17, 2008

issued by the Patent Office during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/784,864.

which applies U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0073210 and U.S. Patent No.

7,240,366 against claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/784,864.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no

representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that

more relevant information does not exist. The Applicants make no representation that the

information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined

in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the

Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own

conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit

any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1732.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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